**Dress Code**

BRIDGES Charter School recognizes that all students are individuals and that the choice of

clothing is reflective of their interests and comfort level. While it is often true that some “trendy”

clothing can spark peer pressure, promote varied attitudes, create lengthy mornings getting ready,

and/or cause distractions in class, we feel it is important to assist children to think for themselves

with regard to their clothing choices, while still respecting guidelines that ensure safety, comfort

with various activities, concentration for themselves and others, and age- appropriate attire.

While these guidelines represent the overall “Dress Code”, individual requirements may be

imposed if BRIDGES CORE staff members observe issues or concerns related to a student’s clothing

choices:

**Guidelines:**

* No vulgar or offensive statements, or inappropriate media slogans.
* No short skirts or “short” shorts. CORE will use “mid-thigh” rule (at least half way between the bottom of your hip and the top of your knee).
* All shirts must have at least one-inch straps and no bra strap showing (including under arm)
* Midriff may not be exposed (front or back of shirts)
* Close-toed shoes must be worn at all times
* Hats/hair accessories must be appropriate for learning and not cause a distraction to yourself or others (at teachers’ discretion) \*Hoods not permitted to be over your head during class.
* Pants need to fit around the waist without falling down, or a belt must be worn
* Boxers or any under garments should not be exposed at any time
* Hair should not be fashioned (or styled) in such a way as to be a distraction to others in class

Dress code violation will be processed as any other disciplinary action in the CORE policies.